

REMARKS:

Allowed claims

Applicants acknowledge and appreciate allowance of claims 1-8 and 10-30.

Claims 9, 31, 32

Claims 9, 31, and 32 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Kasajima et al. (US6751062).

“A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference.”

*Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). Moreover, the identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as contained in the claim. *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.* 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989). The elements must be arranged as required by the claim. *In re Bond*, 910 F.2d 831, 15 USPQ2d 1566 (Fed. Cir. 1990).

Claim 9 has been amended to require that the vibration absorber includes a weight supported by a cantilever. This feature is not found in Kasajima. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of claim 9 is respectfully requested.

Claim 31 has been amended to require that the flexure member forms a cantilever supporting the weight. This feature is believed to render the claim allowable over the art of record.

Claim 32 depends from claim 31, and therefore incorporates the limitations of claim 31. Accordingly, claim 32 is also believed to be allowable.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 971-2573. For payment of any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner

is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2587 (Order No. HSJ9-2003-0244US1).

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